

To: Federal Communications Commission ("FCC")
Subject: Public comment on Telephone Consumer Protection Act
Docket - 02-278

Dear Sirs:

From time to time, I have temporary residence with my elderly mother in New Jersey, while I am away from my legal domicile (Ohio) on business. I strongly support the State of New Jersey's Do Not Call Program, and, in particular, I like the fact that it does not let telemarketers assert a right to call me or my mother if either or both of us have had a business transaction in New Jersey during the past 18 months.

Most of the time, my mother deals with a few trusted local businesses who know her. But when I am in New Jersey, I may have to undertake a wide range of one-time transactions using personal checks, business credit cards, or telephone calling cards at car rental agencies, motels, gas stations, pharmacies, and convenience stores. Sometimes I am obliged to disclose a local telephone number where I can be reached immediately in the evening. I am very concerned that my innocent business activities might give rise to telephone harassment of my elderly mother in her home after I have returned to Ohio.

The elderly are a favorite target of consumer frauds and investment scams.

Also, I am very concerned that my travels in New Jersey might give rise to an erroneous "personal identity" data record with telephone number(s) about me in a data system such as ChoicePoint or Acxiom, from which information may be "mined" for purposes of telemarketing to me. Unscrupulous "boiler-room" telemarketers might sell, lend, exchange, copy, or distribute personally identifiable information about me which erroneously exposes my mother to future telephone harassment by other telemarketers and "con artists," and identity theft.

I strongly oppose any rule, regulation, or executive order that would let the FCC pre-empt provisions of the New Jersey Do Not Call Program which are more restrictive than a federal program.

You can be sure that my mother and I will continue to use Do Not Call programs to protect our privacy and to prevent telephone harassment. I want the most stringent and effective Do Not Call Program that I can get in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Connors